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1. Stikker agrees to suggestions for Batavia discussions--Secretary Acheson has emphasized to Dutch Foreign Minister Stikker that the withdrawal of Dutch forces from the former Republican capital is the critical issue at the forthcoming Batavia meetings. Stikker indicated his agreement with the Secretary's view that Dutch troops must be withdrawn from the Jogjakarta area and that Republican military police must be permitted to supplement available civil police; he also acquiesced to the stipulation that full responsibility for the security of the Jogjakarta area be put in Republican hands. Stikker implied his personal agreement to the suggestion that Dutch representative Van Roijen be sent to Batavia with instructions to do whatever is necessary to settle the Indonesian problem and without being circumscribed by detailed conditions.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the Netherlands Cabinet will be most reluctant to agree to the restoration of Republican military control to Jogjakarta but may do so with reservations and conditions designed to prevent the functioning of more than a token force. If Van Roijen is allowed real initiative in the negotiations, however, a satisfactory agreement on Republican restoration is possible.)

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2. PALESTINE: Israeli withdrawal from Syria--The US delegation to the UN transmits UN Mediator Bunche's confirmation of the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Syria. Bunche considers the issue now closed and has notified Secretary General Lie that Israeli-Syrian armistice talks will open on 8 April.

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